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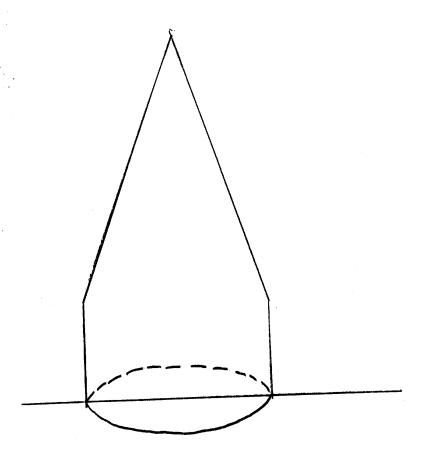
- 1. The Podebrady Glass Works (Podebradske sklarny, formerly INVALD), National Corporation, Podebrady (051/M29), is located in the vicinity of the Prague-Hradec Kralove railroad line. The plant employs some 500 persons, working in three shifts. Formerly, prisoners were also employed at this plant.
- 2. The plant has three furnaces and 40 grinding machines. Each machine has several grinding discs. Sand for the production of glass is supplied from the Doksy region.
- 3... The managing director of the plant is Fiala (fnu); the production manager is Jungwart (fnu). The Five-Year Plan is being fulfilled 90% by this plant.
- 4. Morale of the workers is pour. The employees are dissatisfied with their wages and frequent cases of sabotage take place. The majority of the workers take their meals in the plant canteen. Workers and their families live in houses belonging to the plant.
- 5. Some of the finished products are exported: siphon bottles and perfume spray bottles are sent to France and Switzerland and cut glass and drinking glasses to the USSR.
- 6. Semi-finished products are sent to Teplice. These consist mainly of either radar or television parts for the Army. The annexed sketch shows these parts which are made at the Podebrady plant. The product is made of lead glass. It is approximately 60 cm. high and its circular part is approximately 30 cm. in diameter. Near the middle of the slanting area is inserted a screw without a head. It looks as if it were made of brass and is about one cm. thick and two cm. long. Its walls are approximately one-and-one-half cm. thick. The glass disc, which has to fit closely onto the lower part of the above-described object, is also one-and-one-half cm. thick. The glass this product is made of has to be clear and without bubbles. The plant manufactures about 1,500 of these articles each month, but 900 of them are defective, so that the actual output is only 600 per month. The product is made by pressing glass in moulds, after which it is sent to the glass works at Teplice. The television receiving sets for which this product is allegedly intended are said to have a range of 50 kilometers.

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Sketch of radar or television part manufactured by the Podebrady Glass Works.





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